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Abstract

The Contribution of Ibn Khaldun in the establishment of the scientific formula of Folklore Theories and Techniques Hessa Al-Refai , Associate Professor of Folklore at the Arabic Department , Kuwait University.

For both breadth and profundity of vision , as well as for sheer intellectual power , Ibn Khaldun appears to have been inspired by no predecessors, and to have found no kindred souls among his contemporaries or successors. His comprehensive prolegomenon is truly a masterpiece which has been ever created by any mind in time and place. The epistemology of Ibn Khaldun has greatly influenced most fields of knowledge, and Folklore is no exception. Reviewing past and current Folklore theories ,one finds Ibn Khaldun's ideas as a spark of inspiration in each of them. Such as, Mentalite, Historical Reconstructional , Cultural Evolution , Psychoanalysis, Ideological, and Oral Formulaic theories. In addition to the application of Ibn Khaldun's theory of Al-Asabiyya to the study of the influence of solidarity on groups' Folk Tradition, and the description of some Folk genres in a way similar to that of Ibn Khaldun. Yet the wealth of material which he brilliantly analyzed in the Muqaddima, deserves continual scientific investigation in order to achieve scholarly merit.

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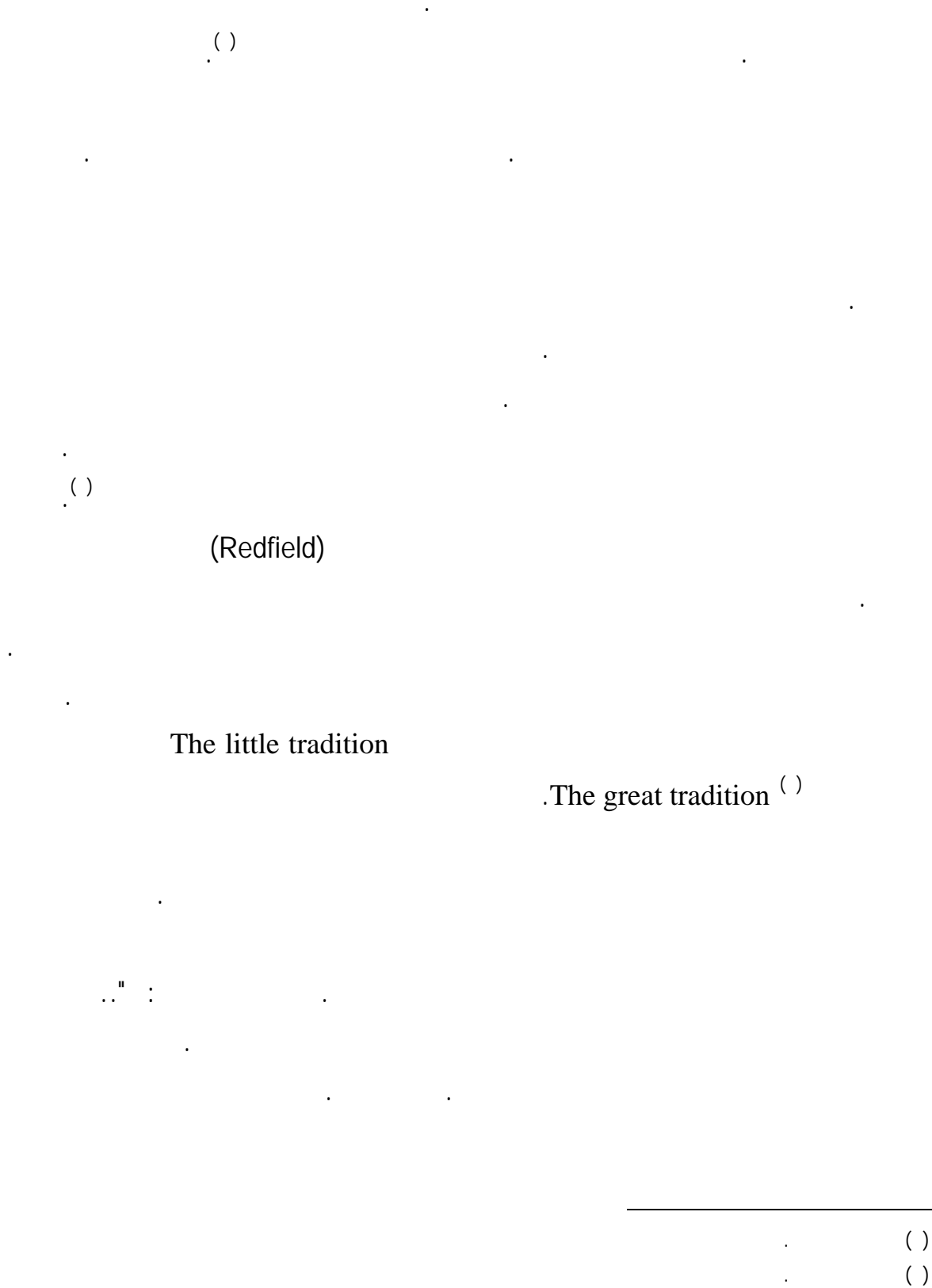
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